

Weather Forecast

Slightly warmer this afternoon.
Temperatures yesterday—Highest, 68,
at 5:55 p.m.; lowest, 49, at 7:15 a.m.
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Allies Ready for Drive on Naples After Seizure of Nearby Islands; Reds Only 44 Miles From Kiev

Battle of Salerno Ends as Germans Retreat to North

By the Associated Press.
Allied forces in the Mediterranean, having driven the Germans back from Salerno and seized four islands commanding the Bay of Naples, appeared ready today to move on Naples itself, where the Nazis are expected to make their next big stand.

The latest and largest island to be occupied by the Allies in this new phase of the battle for Italy is Ischia, 16 miles southwest of Naples and 7 miles from the mainland coast. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters in North Africa announced the occupation of Ischia in a special communiqué yesterday, a few hours after the daily war bulletin told of the Allied success at Salerno and disclosed the seizure of two other islands off the Neapolitan coast.

One of them, even closer to Naples than Ischia, is Procida, 12 miles from the heart of the port and two miles from the northern land arm of the bay. The other is Ponza, 63 miles west of Naples. Procida and Ponza were occupied Wednesday and Ischia was taken Thursday. On the southern side of the bay, the island of Capri has been in Allied hands for several days.

In Position to Shell City.
Thus the Allies not only command the sea approaches to the great port, but are in a position to shell the city from Procida.

And with airfields captured in the Salerno area now cleared for Allied use, fighter planes can reach Naples in 10 minutes.

Berlin broadcast an announcement that the Germans had occupied the island of Elba, Napoleon's first home in exile, 32 miles east of Corsica and 8 miles from the Italian coast. Seven thousand Italian troops were said by the Nazis to have surrendered there.

Allied armies emerged victors in the battle of Salerno—first great engagement with Hitler's legions for the command of Europe—because of an abundance of grim courage on the part of American and British infantrymen and overwhelming air and sea superiority.

The American 5th and British 8th Armies merged in the final stages of the strategic victory which enlarged the Salerno bridgehead into a full fighting front.

Germans Withdraw.
German troops, who tried futilely for seven days to hammer the American and British forces into the sea, had withdrawn in the south to escape entrapment, but still clung savagely to the gateway to Naples in the north.

The Allied headquarters communiqué announced the capture of (See ITALY, Page A-8.)

Henry McElmore To Enter Army Soon

Evening Star Columnist Inducted as Private

By the Associated Press.
CAMP BLANDING, Fla., Sept. 18.—Columnist Henry McElmore was inducted into the Army as a buck private here today.

He was granted the usual three-week furlough allowed inductees before they don uniforms.

"I'm going to mind everybody," said Pvt. McElmore. "I started saluting the minute I reached Camp Blanding, although I'm not in uniform as yet. My induction day was the healthiest day I've spent since I started in the newspaper business years ago. I didn't know there was so much fresh milk and eggs in the world. And I didn't know it was possible to get up so early and survive."

Pvt. McElmore has a home at Daytona Beach, Fla. His column appears each week day in The Evening Star.

He recently completed a six-months assignment as war correspondent in Great Britain for McNaught Syndicate and Look Magazine. He broke into newspaper work in 1927 on the Atlanta Georgian, now merged with the Journal. He was a sports writer for 11 years before starting his syndicated column.

Yank Flyers in China Shoot Down 14 Jap Ships

By the Associated Press.
CHUNGKING, Sept. 12 (Delayed).—The 14th United States Air Force in a communiqué today said that on September 10 and September 11 American medium bombers and fighters shot down 14 Japanese planes and probably destroyed six others in raids on Wuchang, Hankow, Canton and Suichow.

One American plane was lost, but the pilot was reported safe, the communiqué said.

Italians Urged to Renew Fight In Purported Mussolini Speech

Radio Voice Brands King as Traitor To Nation, Predicts Victory of Axis

By the Associated Press.
LONDON, Sept. 18.—A voice purporting to be that of Benito Mussolini, the fallen founder of Fascism, tonight heaped denunciation on King Victor Emmanuel, called for the "elimination of Fascist traitors," and bade Italians take up arms again by the side of Germany and Japan.

In a 15-minute radio speech from an undisclosed place, the speaker, represented as the former Duce liberated by the Germans, told a story of that rescue which he said would "become legendary" and outlined this four-point program for "loyal" Italians:

1. Take up arms again by the side of Germany and Japan.
2. Reorganize at once the armed forces and militia.
3. Eliminate traitors, particularly

those who went over to the enemy.

4. Make an end to plutocratic methods and establish social and Fascist order.

Believe Voice Authentic.
Most listeners here who had heard Mussolini speak before said they believed the voice actually was that of the fallen Italian premier, whom the Germans have announced as the head of the Nazi-sponsored "Republican Fascist Party."

The opinion of the United States Government radio monitors was 8 to 2 that it was Mussolini's voice, though some thought it was from a recording.

Although the speech was generally regarded in London as one of "a man whose prestige is gone for good," listeners agreed that the

(See MUSSOLINI, Page A-9.)

Heavy-Load Bombers Planned by America For Blasting Europe

New Italian Air Bases Shorten Length of Sorties; President's Speech Quoted

By the Associated Press.
LONDON, Sept. 18.—The United States Army Air Force is developing new short-range bombers capable of carrying a great weight of explosives to hasten the defeat of Germany, it was learned today.

Up to now, bomber development has been centered on long-range giants. It has been disclosed that super flying fortresses and super Liberators capable of flying the Atlantic round trip without refueling are in production, and these will be especially needed in the Pacific.

Allied conquest of Northern Italy—just across the Alps from Germany—would put a premium on planes capable of carrying bigger loads of destruction for comparatively short distances. A large force of these planes is being prepared.

Plans Are Secret.
Details of the new bomb-carrier cannot be divulged, but it is sufficient to point out that many types of planes, even fighters, can be converted into short-range bombers by changing part of their load from gasoline to bombs.

The new development was underscored by President Roosevelt's statement yesterday that "our purpose is to establish bases within bombing range of Southern and Eastern Germany." With Italy in our hands the distances we have to travel will be far less and the risks proportionately reduced.

The distance to many critical targets both in Germany and France will be cut as much as half, increasing the potential bomb load proportionately.

On September 6 British-based Fortresses had to fly some 500 miles to bomb Stuttgart. Stuttgart is (See RAIDS, Page A-4.)

Two American Officers Elude Nazis in Rome, Spend 20 Hours in Daring Trip to See Badoglio

By CLARK LEE.

Representing Combined United States Press. Distributed by the Associated Press.
WITH GEN. DWIGHT EISENHOWER AT AN ADVANCED ALLIED COMMAND POST, Sept. 17 (Delayed).—It was disclosed today that two high-ranking American officers made a daring visit to Rome under the eyes of the Germans only a few hours before our invasion of Salerno and returned safely after conferring with Marshal Pietro Badoglio and Italian military commanders.

The two officers went into the Italian capital wearing American Army uniforms, minus caps, and spent 20 hours in the most important military discussions. Most of the time they traveled in a car, frequently passing within a few feet of German soldiers.

The exact nature of their mission was not disclosed.

They obtained vital information which has affected the whole course of events since the Italian armistice announcement.

The officers, who voluntarily carried out their dangerous assignment in the full knowledge that discovery would mean certain execution by the Germans, were Brig. Gen. Maxwell Taylor, 42-year-old West Point graduate, formerly of

Russian Columns Also Menacing Dnieperopetrovsk

By the Associated Press.
LONDON, Sunday, Sept. 19.—Soviet columns have slashed to within 37 miles of Dnieperopetrovsk, Boulder Dam of the Dnieper River bend, and to within 44 miles of Kiev, capital of the Ukraine, by capturing the railway junction of Pavlograd and the railroad town of Bobrovista, Moscow said today.

Smashing ahead on 10 important sectors on a 600-mile front, the Russians yesterday won back a total of 733 villages, killed 8,700 Germans, wounded a commensurate number, and took 2,000 more, and took 500 prisoners, a communiqué said.

The drive on Kiev from several directions reached closest to the Middle Dnieper River bastion along the Kiev-Nezhin railway where a Red Army column took Bobrovista.

More than 230 populated places were captured in this drive alone and more than 1,000 Germans fell to Russian fire, said the bulletin recorded by the Soviet monitor.

Chernigov Within Gun Range.
Northeast of Kiev the important town of Chernigov came within Soviet artillery range as 51st, six miles to the east, was captured and 26 other towns overrun. Thus the Russians were 80 miles north of Kiev and closing in on the highway linking that city and Chernigov.

Priluki, another bastion 78 miles east of Kiev, was gripped by a semicircle of Russian forces moving in from the north, south and east. The nearest Soviet unit was 15 miles from Priluki.

Southeast of Kiev the Russian threat was more distant, but a surprise dash which swamped a Nazi rear guard resulted in a 12-mile Red Army advance which cut the Kiev-Poltava railway at Mirgorod, 135 miles from Kiev and 50 miles north-west of Poltava.

Another threat to the lower German Dnieper River line developed when the Russians seized the town and railway junction of Pavlograd on the road to Dnieperopetrovsk.

Soviet troops first cracked German defenses on the Samara and Volchyska Rivers, wedged themselves into enemy formations and then swept on to fierce street engagements inside Pavlograd. A regiment of German infantry was wiped out, the bulletin said.

Rains Hamper Activity.
Autumn rain was hindering both the attack and the defense in this key sector.

The capture of Pavlograd put the Russians nearest the Dnieper which bends far to the east in Lower Russia. The 110,000,000 dam at (See RUSSIA, Page A-5.)

Two Boys Found Dead In Auto After Fire

By the Associated Press.
OMAHA, Sept. 18.—The burned bodies of Robert Paden, 3, and his brother, Gene Paul Paden, 5, were found today in the trunk compartment of the Paden car after fire swept the garage in which the automobile was housed.

The deaths were attributed to suffocation. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Paden, said they did not know the children were in the garage, but supposed they had obtained matches and taken them into the garage to play.

England Lifts Visit Ban On Southeast Coast

By the Associated Press.
LONDON, Sunday, Sept. 19.—The War Office announced today the lifting of restrictions on public entry into south and southeast coastal areas which were closed August 17 for military reasons.

The restrictions were imposed at a time when invasion talk was heard everywhere and conviction gripped the nation that the hour was near for a powerful blow at Europe.

Two American Officers Elude Nazis in Rome, Spend 20 Hours in Daring Trip to See Badoglio

By CLARK LEE.
Representing Combined United States Press. Distributed by the Associated Press.
They left Palermo, Sicily, in a British PT boat and made rendezvous at sea with an Italian corvette, on which they were greeted by an

Italian admiral who landed them south of Rome.

(A dispatch from David Brown, representing the combined British press, gave the time of the meeting in Rome as concurrent with announcement September 8 of the Italian armistice.)

It was agreed that, to divert suspicion from onlookers, they would be treated as if they were American airmen picked up from a wrecked plane in the Mediterranean. And on their arrival at Gaeta they hurried down the gangplank into a waiting Navy limousine, while groups of Italian sailors stood at the docks and watched interestedly.

Driving a few miles into the country, the car turned into a tree-lined lane and stopped sharply. A few feet ahead was another car with frosted glass windows.

Gen. Taylor, Col. Gardiner and the escorting officer quickly climbed into the second car.

During the two-hour drive to Rome, Gen. Taylor spotted four German soldiers, but noted many signs pointing off the main roads to German establishments.

Just before midnight they reached Rome and were driven into the courtyard of a certain building where comfortable quarters had been prepared.

The Italians had planned a (See RENDEZVOUS, Page A-4.)



COL. WILLIAM TUDOR GARDINER.
Photo made in 1928 when Col. Gardiner was in Maine politics. —A. P. Wirephoto.



Army-Navy Journal Warns Marshall Shift Would Shock Nation

Sees Powerful Interests Anxious to Eliminate Staff Chief From Scene

By the Associated Press.
The Army-Navy Journal, commenting on reports that Gen. George C. Marshall may be shifted from chief of staff to direct the invasion of Europe from England, says that "powerful interests would like to eliminate him from the Washington picture" and replace him with an officer "more amenable to their will."

Declaring that such a shift would "shock" the Nation, the Army and Congress, the Journal asserts that President Roosevelt "often praised Gen. Marshall's services and that it does not believe the Chief Executive will be induced to change his mind" and transfer Gen. Marshall.

An invasion assignment for Gen. Marshall, the Journal says, could be "ballhoofed" as a reward for his services, and as "evidence of the closeness of his relations" with the British high command. But in reality, the Journal says, it would mean an assignment to a single theater of operations, stripping him of the broad command he now holds over all Army forces. The Journal adds:

"Thinking only of winning the war in the shortest time, and of saving every American life possible in connection with the bloody operations which it calls for, Gen. Marshall, of course, has come into conflict with powerful interests which would like to eliminate him from the Washington picture and place in his stead an officer more amenable to their will."

Debris of Train Wreck Hides \$23,000 in Jewels

By the Associated Press.
PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 18.—A treasure hunt for \$23,000 worth of diamonds, sapphires and other precious stones was under way in rubbish dumps of South Philadelphia today.

Poking through tons of smoke-blackened debris transported from last Sunday's \$250,000 fire at the Pennsylvania Railroad's Broad Street station, agents of an insurance adjusting firm sought to recover the jewelry, lost by a New York salesman.

A sample case containing \$30,000 in gems was lost but about \$30,000 worth were recovered at the station last Monday.

Ration Cards Stolen

LONDON, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The German-controlled Netherlands radio said tonight that three Netherlands, pretending they were German police, raided the rationing office at Houten in Utrecht Province, Holland, and escaped with 3,000 ration cards, after shooting their way through a road block.

Grandfather Gets Physical Exam Under Draft Act

By the Associated Press.
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 18.—While the question of drafting fathers is debated by Congress, a Nashville draft board may put a grandfather in the Army.

Thomas J. Boyd, 37, whose son—the father of an infant daughter—is an Army sergeant stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif., already has reported for his preliminary physical examination.

The first wife of the thrice married grandfather, mother of Sgt. Thomas J. Boyd, Jr., is serving her country in the WACS. At 34 she is perhaps one of the youngest grandmothers in that branch of service.

Father Draft May Spur Boost Of Allowances for Dependents

House Chiefs Ready to Demand Increases If Wheeler-May Deferment Bills Fail

By J. A. O'LEARY.
If Congress heeds the advice of military leaders by permitting the drafting of prewar fathers, it may at the same time speed passage of a bill increasing the Government allowances to their families, it was reliably indicated last night.

On the House side Majority Leader McCormack and Minority Leader Martin both said the question of increasing the present allowances to dependents of servicemen should be considered promptly.

Chairman May of the House Military Affairs Committee, author of one of the bills to halt the induction of prewar fathers, slated to begin in October, also expressed the belief

that if fathers are taken it will become more important to consider changes in the dependents' allotments.

Await Marshall's Testimony.
Meanwhile, many Representatives and Senators appeared to be reserving final judgment on the Wheeler-May bills to stop the father draft until they hear the testimony of Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, and Bernard M. Baruch before a joint session of the House and Senate Military Affairs Committee at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Ernest J. King, commander of the Fleet, also will be present.

Senator George, Democrat, of Georgia said last night he is satisfied that the resolution would be adopted in its present form.

Two-Thirds Vote Needed.
So sure of approval is the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which stamped an unanimous okay on the bill, that it is risking nothing in the resolution under a procedure requiring a two-thirds vote of the members present, and barring amendments.

"The question is just this," said Representative Eaton, Republican, of New Jersey, ranking minority member of the committee. "Do we want to substitute law for force in world affairs? If we do, then the United States must participate. And if the United States is to participate, then Congress must say so."

The chief week-end argument over the resolution centers around the amount of time to be allotted for debate. Those eager to offer amendments mapped their strategy on a

Protest WLB Order Depends on Ruling On Prices by OPA

Wage increases with a minimum rate of 40 cents an hour and time-and-a-half pay for all work over 40 hours a week have been granted some 3,000 workers in 20 laundry and dry cleaning plants here, the Regional War Labor Board announced last night.

The timing of the announcement immediately drew the protest of the Laundry Dry Cleaning Owners Association of the District, which had filed the petitions for the individual laundries.

George Walker, the association's executive secretary, said that although WLB had announced the increases, they would not become effective until after the Office of Price Administration has acted on requested price increases. OPA has promised action no later than next Saturday, Mr. Walker said.

Charges "High Pressure".
The association spokesman said the association resented "the high pressure tactics" of the regional WLB office. He charged that WLB was trying to force the wage increase before OPA acted "in spite of the fact that we originally informed them that we could not afford to put these increases into effect until we have had price relief. We resent that type of governmental operation."

Mr. Walker said he did not believe the wage or price increases would have to be approved by the economic stabilization director since it recently was announced that under certain conditions the stabilization director would give prior approval for wage and price adjustments in the laundry industry. One of those conditions was that wage adjustments could be made to

(See LAUNDRIES, Page A-7.)

Woman Killed Here in Crash On Wedding Anniversary Trip

(Picture on Page A-17.)

Mrs. Myrtle Jett, 58, who came to Washington with her husband to celebrate their 31st wedding anniversary, was killed yesterday when the car driven by her husband collided with a taxicab at Sixth and K streets N.W.

Her husband, Clarence Jett, superintendent of construction at Lorton Reformatory, and two other persons were injured in the crash.

Henry M. Jett, chief house officer at the Statler Hotel, a brother of Mr. Jett, said the couple, whose anniversary was yesterday, was coming to spend the weekend with him at his home, 1761 Taylor street N.W.

They have one son, Clarence Wallace Jett, 20, a cadet at West Point.

Clarence Jett, who is in Casualty Hospital suffering from a possible fracture of the left shoulder and brain concussion, was said to be in fair condition. The driver of the cab, Fred W. Cole, Jr., 39, of Maryland avenue, Parkland, Md., who suffered a minor cut on the chin and abrasion of the right knee, and one of his passengers, Mrs. Sarah E. Door, 26, of Anistion, Ala., who suffered a possible fracture of the right ankle, were treated at the hospital and dismissed.

According to police, the car in (See ACCIDENTS, Page A-17.)

National Sales Of Bonds Reach 60 Pct. of Goal

Insurance Firm Spurs District Drive With \$7,000,000 Order

National sales in the first 10 days of the Third War Loan drive were \$9,532,000,000. Undersecretary of the Treasury Daniel W. Bell announced last night, adding that Treasury figures for some areas still are incomplete.

The total includes \$516,000,000 of Government trust funds, Mr. Bell said. Not including the investment of these funds, \$9,016,000,000 or approximately 60 per cent of the Nation's \$15,000,000,000 goal has been raised. The totals include only money which actually has been banked through the Federal Reserve System. Commitments and transactions not yet formally completed are not included.

The District's total through Friday had reached \$37,400,000, or 39.7 per cent of its \$94,000,000 goal. The lag in sales was due to be decreased in the next report from the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond, however, for yesterday the Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Co. entered a purchase order for \$7,000,000 in bonds. The subscription was the largest to date in the District's campaign.

Earlier Purchase Doubled.
The \$7,000,000 Acacia purchase represents twice the amount of bonds the company bought in the Second War Loan. It increased the total Government bonds bought by Acacia this year to \$13,850,000.

Present at the ceremony in the District War Finance Committee office were William Montgomery, Acacia president, and Ted R. Gamble, national director of the Treasury's War Finance Division.

"Acacia regards it not only as an obligation but as a sacred privilege to back our fighting men with these War bond purchases," Mr. Montgomery said. "The fact that we have doubled our Second War Loan subscription in this Third War Loan indicates our determination to 'Back the Attack' without stint."

"The war has reached a most critical stage. It is up to all American institutions and all American citizens to throw their combined strength into the fray. Our men are giving their all. We must, and we shall, back them to the utmost."

Hopes Others Will Follow.
Acknowledging the purchase order, Mr. Gamble said he hoped the act would inspire other institutions to invest in Third War Loan bonds to the limit of their resources.

"Such a result would be especially effective in the District, where corporate investment funds are limited because of the absence of large industrial units," Mr. Gamble added.

Sponsored by leading merchants, including the large department stores, the Quiz Kids of radio fame will broadcast over the Blue Network at 7:30 o'clock tonight in Constitution Hall. Advance ticket sales for their show netted \$3,500,000 in bond sales. Daughters of the American Revolution donated use of Constitution Hall. The program there follows:

6:15-6:45 p.m.—Music by U. S. Navy School of Music Band, led by Lt. James M. Thurmond, Jr.

6:45-6:55 p.m.—Songs by Pvt. Glen Darwin, Army Air Forces, formerly (Continued on Page A-2, Column 6.)

Gen. Richardson Heads Central Pacific Forces

By the Associated Press.
HONOLULU, Sept. 18.—Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson was designated commander of United States Army Forces in the Central Pacific area today in a move viewed as indicative of Hawaii's transformation from a defensive bastion to an important springboard for an accelerated offensive against Japan.

Gen. Richardson has been commanding general of the Army's Hawaiian department.

The geographical extent of the general's expanded jurisdiction was not disclosed, but Army sources agreed the move indicated a growing military importance of the Hawaiian zone.

The announcement said Gen. Richardson was notified of his new assignment immediately after the recent Quebec war conference.

Hurricane Is Hovering Off Gulf Coast Cities

By the Associated Press.
MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 18.—A tropical hurricane still hovered in the Gulf of Mexico, 200 miles south of Port Arthur, Tex., at 10:30 p.m. (EWT) tonight, and the Weather Bureau said "no material advance is expected in the next several hours."

The disturbance was located by the Weather Bureau at about the same place as in a 6 p.m. (EWT) advisory, but it indicated "later movement to the north is indicated."

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